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Greetings.

I believe the proposed settlement with Microsoft in the recent anti-trust case to be profoundly flawed. Under the guise of punishment, the company will be providing substantial amounts of its software to educational institutions, flooding out whatever is already there or what they would normally have purchased or donated. Given that Microsoft already locks people into an upgrade cycle to maintain 'compatibility' with previous applications and files, the settlement will increase the problem by opening additional markets to the company.

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